

IN MEMORIAM
RALPH WALDO LOBENSTINE
1875-1931

Dr. Ralph Waldo Lobenstine, a Fellow of The New York Academy of Medicine since October 6, 1904, died in St. Luke's Hospital on March 21, 1931, at the age of fifty-six. He was the son of the late William C. Lobenstine and is survived by two brothers, two sisters, a son and a daughter.

Dr. Lobenstine was graduated from Yale College in the class of 1896 and received his medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1900. He served as an interne in St. Luke's Hospital and later became resident physician at Sloane Hospital for Women. Subsequently he was made attending physician at the Lying-In Hospital in the City of New York and also served as attending gynecologist to the Out-Patient Department of Bellevue for a number of years. Two years ago he was made Consulting Director of the New York Nursery and Childs Hospital.

Dr. Lobenstine's entire professional career was passed in the practice of the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology. He was a Fellow of twenty years' standing in the New York Obstetrical Society and a member of its Committee on Standards for Obstetric Hospitals. An extensive practice, developed largely through personal effort and attainments did not stand in the way of his unselfish devotion to social welfare work. His name is perhaps most prominently identified with the organization of the Maternity Center Association of New York. He was chairman of its Medical Advisory Board and likewise a member of the Directorate for many years. Dr. Lobenstine also served as a member of the Board of Consultants of the Children's Bureau in Washington and his most recent activity was concerned with the formation of a committee which had for its aims the improvement of midwife teaching and supervision.

Dr. Lobenstine was essentially a clinician, well trained in the fundamentals of obstetrics and practiced his profession with great success. Notwithstanding this he always manifested an unselfish interest in social welfare work and stands out in the ranks of those who give largely of their time and energy to the accomplishment of the highest ideals in our profession.

G. W. K.

DEATHS OF FELLOWS OF THE ACADEMY

JAMES FRANCIS GRATTAN, 30 West 59 Street, New York City; graduated in medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1913; elected a Fellow of the Academy January 2, 1930; died, March 25, 1931. Dr. Grattan was a Fellow of the American Medical Association, a member of the County and State Medical Societies, Director of Plastic Surgery to Municipal Hospitals of the city, and Consulting Plastic Surgeon to Kings County Hospital.

FREDERICK TALMADGE LAU, M.D., 17 East 38 Street, New York City; graduated in medicine from Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery, in 1913; elected a Fellow of the Academy February 3, 1921; died, March 24, 1931. Dr. Lau was a Fellow of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the County and State Medical Societies, a member of the American Urological Society, a member of the Urological Society, Associate Surgeon to City Hospital, Urologist to New York and Ruptured and Crippled Hospitals, Surgeon and Director of Genito-Urinary Surgery to Grasslands Hospital, Valhalla, New York, Consulting Urologist to White Plains Hospital, White Plains, N. Y. and Matteawan Hospital, Matteawan, N. Y., chief of the Urological Clinic to City Hospital and Chief of the Female Clinic to New York Hospital.

RALPH WALDO LOBENSTINE, M.D., 119 East 74 Street, New York City; graduated in medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1900; elected a Fellow of the Academy October 6, 1904; died, March 21, 1931. Dr. Lobenstine was a Fellow of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the County and State Medical Societies, a member of the Society of Alumni of St. Luke's and Sloane Hospitals, and Obstetrician and Consulting Director of Obstetrics to New York Nursery and Child's Hospital.

GEORGE SCOTT, M.D., 9 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey; graduated in medicine from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, in 1871; elected a Fellow of the Academy March 6, 1884; died, March 27, 1931.